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Minor Policy and Technical Changes -- Base Budget Reductions (Employment Relations Commission)

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CURRENT LAW

Base funding for the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) is \$2,479,100 GPR and \$228,200 PR annually. The WERC is authorized 22.5 GPR and 3.0 PR positions.

GOVERNOR

Reduce the agency's general program operations appropriation salary line by \$400,000 GPR annually in connection with the deletion of 4.0 GPR positions.

MODIFICATION

Reallocate the \$400,000 GPR annual reduction to the following expenditure lines in the agency's budget: (1) salaries, \$279,100 GPR annually; (2) fringe benefits, \$90,900 GPR annually; (3) supplies and services, \$24,000 GPR annually; and (4) limited-term employees, \$6,000 GPR annually.

Explanation: Under the bill, the \$400,000 GPR annual base reduction would be applied exclusively to amounts budgeted for salaries. The modification redistributes the reduction between salaries and other expenditure lines in the Commission's budget. The total amount of the reduction remains unchanged.

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